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Methods for Enhancing Immune  
Responses to Polynucleotide-  
Based Vaccines**

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**Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement**

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 3, 2003 in connection with the above-captioned application. Copies of documents AD2-AK2, AA3-AH3, AR15 and AS15 are provided herewith.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, which are directed to related technical subject matter:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/839,574 to Manthorpe *et al.* filed April 23, 2001, now published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0019358 A1, and submitted herewith as document **AB3**;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/202,858 to Felgner *et al.*, filed July 26, 2002, now published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0032615 A1, and submitted herewith as document **AC3**;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/360,645 to Wolff *et al.*, filed February 10, 2003, now published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0186913 A1, and submitted herewith as document **AD3**;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/127,683 to Hobart *et al.*, filed April 23, 2002, now published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0203863 A1, and submitted herewith as document **AE3**;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/725,009 to Geall, filed December 2, 2003, now published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0157789 A1, and submitted herewith as document **AF3**;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/725,015 to Geall, filed December 2, 2003, now published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0162256 A1, and submitted herewith as document **AG3**;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/748,853 to Wheeler, filed December 30, 2003, now published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0171572 A1, and submitted herewith as document **AH3**;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/738,986 to Hermanson *et al.*, filed December 19, 2003, and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/843,656 to Vilalta *et al.*, filed May 12, 2004, are respectively cited herewith as documents **AR15** and **AS15**. Further to the USPTO notification signed on September 21, 2004 entitled "Waiver of the Copy Requirement in 37 CFR 1.98 for Cited Pending U.S. Patent Applications," it is believed that copies of

these documents need not be provided because they were filed after June 30, 2003. The notice can viewed at  
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The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to these applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. No statement or fee is required.

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Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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AR	<u>15</u>	Pending Non-Provisional United States Patent Application No. 10/738,986, Hermanson et al., filed December 19, 2003 (NOT PUBLISHED)
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